

# **Texas Vegetable, Fruit and Pecan Summary**

## **Vegetables**

Texas continued to be one of the five leading states in production of fresh market vegetables. In 2002, Texas ranked fifth in area harvested, accounting for 4.8 percent of the United States vegetable acreage. Texas also ranked fifth in production, with 4.5 percent of the U.S. total, and fourth in value, accounting for 4.2 percent of the U.S. total. In 2002, Texas producers harvested 125,000 acres of commercial vegetables, down 8 percent from the year before. The value of production from this acreage and products totaled \$429 million, up 1 percent from 2001. Total production of all vegetable crops decreased from 2001. Production was influenced mostly by a drop in harvested acres. Onions were the number one cash vegetable crop for Texas, cantaloupe was second followed by watermelons.

## **Citrus**

Texas grapefruit production for the 2002-2003 season totaled 5.65 million boxes, down 4 percent. The 2002-2003 all orange production totaled 1.57 million boxes, down 10 percent. Quality was slightly lower than the previous season.

## **Pecans**

The 2002 Texas pecan crop was estimated at 40 million pounds, down 35 million pounds from the 2001 crop. Pecan production was affected by heavy rains and flooding. Prices increased from the previous year and averaged 83.5 cents per pound. Production of native varieties totaled 20 million pounds, down from the 25 million pounds produced in 2001; production of improved varieties totaled 20 million pounds, down from 50 million pounds in 2001.

## **Peaches**

Texas utilized peach production for 2002 was estimated at 238,000 bushels, down from 542,000 bushels in 2001. Bad weather and a late freeze damaged a large portion of the 2002 crop potential. Utilized production is the total of peach sales for fresh market and processing, as well as peaches consumed on the farm. Total production in 2002 was 250,000 bushels.

## **Grapes**

Bad weather, disease and pests played a big role in curtailing the 2002 Texas grape production tonnage. Texas vineyards and wineries were only able to harvest 4,400 tons of grapes for wine production. Production decreased by more than one-half of the 9,300 tons produced in 2001. An estimated 2,900 producing acres were available for harvest and yielded an average of 1.5 tons per acre, down 1.7 tons from one year earlier. The total estimated value of the 2002 crop was \$4.0 million with an average value per ton of \$910. Total value of production decreased by 52 percent from 2001.

**STATE RANKING BY PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED VEGETABLE CROPS, 2002**

Rank	State	Production	Rank	State	Production	Rank	State	Production
<b>WATERMELONS - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>SPINACH - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>CABBAGE - 1,000 cwt</b>		
1	Florida	7,590	1	California	3,200	1	California	4,750
<b>2</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>6,660</b>	2	Arizona	945	2	New York	4,130
<b>3</b>	California	<b>6,018</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,784</b>
4	Georgia	5,100	4	Colorado	216	4	Florida	2,560
5	Arizona	2,562	5	New Jersey	157	5	Georgia	2,360
<b>CANTALOUPEs - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>CHILE PEPPERS - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>HONEYDEW MELONS - 1,000 cwt</b>		
1	California	13,451	1	New Mexico	1,800	1	California	3,774
2	Arizona	4,440	2	California	644	2	Arizona	775
<b>3</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>510</b>
4	Georgia	1,254	4	Arizona	190			
5	Indiana	540						
<b>ONIONS, ALL - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>CARROTS - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>SWEETPOTATOES - 1,000 cwt</b>		
1	California	18,548	1	California	22,330	1	North Carolina	4,810
2	Oregon	10,662	2	Michigan	1,452	2	California	2,444
3	Washington	9,356	3	Georgia	1,410	3	Mississippi	1,968
<b>4</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>5,705</b>	4	Colorado	1,400	4	Louisiana	1,875
5	Idaho	5,056	<b>5</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>PEPPERS, BELL - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>CUCUMBERS - 1,000 cwt</b>			<b>POTATOES, ALL - 1,000 cwt</b>		
1	California	6,930	1	Georgia	2,920	1	Idaho	133,385
2	Florida	5,950	2	Florida	2,850	2	Washington	95,200
3	New Jersey	962	3	Michigan	1,140	3	Wisconsin	31,125
4	North Carolina	910	4	California	1,032	4	Colorado	30,189
5	Georgia	520	5	New York	828	5	Oregon	24,936
<b>8</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>5,360</b>
<b>TOMATOES - 1,000 cwt</b>						<b>SWEET CORN - 1,000 cwt</b>		
1	Florida	14,400				1	Florida	5,641
2	California	11,550				2	California	4,080
3	Ohio	2,479				3	New York	3,498
4	Virginia	1,520				4	Georgia	3,125
5	South Carolina	1,326				5	Ohio	1,253
<b>17</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>180</b>				<b>17</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>288</b>